GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3102
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PRODUCTION OF CASHEWNUT
AKBOR ALI KHANDOKER;GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the production and area under cultivation of cashewnut during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the financial assistance provided to the States for the cultivation of cashewnut;

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to increase the production of cashewnut;

(d) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for re-plantation and productivity improvement of cashew;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) The area and production of cashewnut in India is given in the statement at Annexure.

(b)&(c) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Cashew in India is beingimplemented under which assistance is being provided for new planting, replanting, adoption of improved production technology, intensive pest control, setting up of regional nurseries for production of quality planting material and training of farmers. The details of assistance provided to the States under the scheme during the Ninth Plan is as follows:

Year	Assistance provided
(Rupees in crore)	
1997-98	12.74
1998-99	15.40
1999-2000 (Outlay)	17.50

(d)to(f) Yes, Sir. The Government of Kerala submitted a project proposal entitled'Replanting and Productivity Improvement of Cashew in Kerala' with an outlay of Rs.107.105 crores during November, 1997. The project proposal envisaged activities like area expansion, replanting, production and distribution of hybrid varieties of cashew, better management of young plantations, establishment of model gardens and training which were similar to the activities under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development ofCashew in India under which assistance was already being provided to the Government ofKerala. The State Government was informed accordingly in December, 1997. An amount of Rs.1.84 crores have been provided to the Government of Kerala during the first two years of the IX Plan. During 1999-2000, an allocation of Rs.0.86 crores has been provided for Kerala.